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RESCUE FACILITIES FOR SUBMARINE FLEET
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Navy has requested for rescue facilities for its growing submarine fleet;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the urgent need of the Indian Navy?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): All Indian Navy submarines have the capability to allow escape of crew from about a depth of 120 meters, using escape suits. Submarines have rescue hatches, which are standard fit and are designed to mate with Deep Submergence Rescue Vessels (DSRVs)/diving bells. Indian Navy does not have a DSRV. Induction of DSRV together with its associated infrastructure is being progressed.